Project Overview

As of April 25, 2013

Columbus Crossroads I-70/I-71 South Innerbelt Corridor Study



Description and Benefits: This corridor in downtown Columbus is one of the busiest and most vital sections of highway in the region. It serves approximately 150,000 vehicles and 17,000 trucks per day yet accounts for 27% of all I-70 and I-71 accidents in Franklin County. The goal is to reduce the number of ramps from nineteen to thirteen on the 1.5-mile stretch of freeway, which leads the state in congestion and crashes, about 800 each year.

The finished project will help reconnect some neighborhoods to downtown and promote economic development in downtown and surrounding neighborhoods.

Schedule (per ODOT):

ODOT has received approval from the Federal Highway Administration to proceed with the Mound-Fulton alternative. The first phase of the project is now under construction and is scheduled for completion in June 2014. A portion of the second phase, the Mound Street Connector and the 18th Street Bridge Crossing, is scheduled to begin construction in the fall of 2013.

Construction Cost (for the first 5 phases): 867 million.

Federal, state, and local dollars are being used for construction, design, construction management, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation and a 10% contingency. The east corridor includes the first three phases of the project: the I-71/I-670 interchange; the east I-70/I-71 interchange; and I-71 between the two interchanges. Phases 4 and 5 include the south innerbelt and the east freeway. Funding is subject to future allocation through Ohio Department of Transportation's Transportation Review Advisory Council.

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Columbus Crossroads Project Phases 1 through 6 Area Outline



